

**Preliminary Amendment**

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Title: METHOD FOR DETERMINING A SYSTEM OPERATING STATE

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**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment amends the above identified Utility Patent Application filed March 17, 2004. With this Preliminary Amendment, the specification has been amended to claim priority to German Patent Application No. DE 103 25 746.2. The claims have not been amended with this Preliminary Amendment and remain as filed in the Utility Patent Application filed March 17, 2004. Applicant believes the application is now in proper order for examination.

**CONCLUSION**

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's representative at the below-listed telephone number to facilitate prosecution of this application.

Any inquiry regarding this Preliminary Amendment should be directed to Paul P. Kempf at the below-listed telephone numbers.

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